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THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

and

Surveyor & Chief Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1948.

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St. Neots Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948,

BY

EDWARD T. SHENNAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1948.

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD T. SHENNAN.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.

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CHAS. W. GLOVER, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
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Waterworks Engineer.

W. W. MAWBY, Tel. No.: St. Neots 122, Office.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA—1,391 acres. St. Neots 996. Eynesbury 395.

ESTIMATED POPULATION—Mid. 1947: 4,740.
Mid. 1948: 4,995.
Census, 1931—Population 4,577.
St. Neots 3,081. Eynesbury 1,296.

ST. NEOTS:		
Private Houses	903	
Shops, etc., with private houses attached ...	103	
		1,006
EYNESBURY:		
Private Houses	402	
Shops, etc., with private houses attached ...	22	
		424
Total...		1,430
CENSUS, 1931—St. Neots: Inhabited Houses ...	830	
Eynesbury: ,, ,, ...	323	
		1,153

RATEABLE VALUE—As at 31st December, 1948: £25,256.
Product of a Penny Rate: £99-4-3.

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS.

	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate ...	87	48	39
Illegitimate ...	7	4	3
Total...	94	52	42

BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated population 18.8
(Ditto for England and Wales) 17.9

STILL BIRTHS:

Legitimate ...	2	1	1
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-
Total...	2	1	1

ESTIMATED RATE per 1,000 population 0.40
(Ditto for England and Wales) 0.42

DEATHS (ALL AGES). ... 45 22 23

DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated population 9.0
(Ditto for England and Wales) 10.8

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES:

No. 29 Puerperal and post. abort. sepsis... Nil.
No. 30 Other maternal causes ... Nil.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR:

	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate ...	1	1	-
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-
Total...	1	1	-

DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR:

All infants per 1,000 live births ... 10.6
(Ditto for England and Wales) ... 34.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ... 11.5
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 12
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ... Nil.
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ... Nil.

CAUSES OF DEATHS:

(Registrar General's Short List).

No.			M.	F.	Total
6.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	1	—	1
15.	Cancer of Breast	...	—	1	1
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	6	5	11
17.	Diabetes	...	—	1	1
18.	Intracranial Vascular lesions	...	1	5	6
19.	Heart Disease	...	7	6	13
20.	Other disease of circulatory system	...	1	—	1
21.	Bronchitis	...	—	1	1
22.	Pneumonia	...	1	1	2
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	1	—	1
27.	Other digestive disorders	...	1	—	1
35.	Other violent causes	...	—	2	2
36.	All other causes	...	3	1	4
			22	23	45

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The health services existing prior to the coming into force of the National Health Service Act, 1946, on 5th July, 1948, are in the main unchanged, apart from alterations in the authorities administering them.

(a) **Laboratory Facilities.**

The following laboratory facilities are available to this authority and to General Practitioners in the area:

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. Tel.: Cambridge 55526.

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.R I.C.), Tennison Road, Cambridge. Tel.: Cambridge 2097.

(b) **Ambulance Facilities.**

(1) On 5th July, 1948, in accordance with the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, a County Ambulance Service was set up. This service is operated in conjunction with the County Fire Service, and centred on Huntingdon. Ambulances are available on doctors' orders. Tel.: Huntingdon 67.

(II) An ambulance stationed at Huntingdon Isolation Hospital, is available for cases of infectious disease. Tel.: Huntingdon 59.

(c) **Home Nursing.**

The administration of the Home Nursing Services of the District, following 5th July, 1948, ceases to be the responsibility of the County and District Nursing Associations, and now comes under the Huntingdon County Council Health Department.

Two nurse-midwives living in Eynesbury (Tel.: St. Neots 215), carry out Home Nursing and attend maternity cases in the District.

(d) **Clinics and Treatment Centres.**

(I) The following Health Services are provided by the Huntingdon County Council:

Clinic.	Patients seen.	When held	Where held.
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	1st Thursday in month (M.O. present)—every other Thursday. School Nurse only, 10—11.30 a.m.	Liberal Club, St. Neo's.
		Every Monday, 9.30—10.30 a.m.	Old Grammer School, Huntingdon.
Infant Welfare	Children (0—5 years)	Every Thursday, 2—4 p.m.	Liberal Club, St. Neots.
Dental	Pre-School and School-children. Pre-Natal & nursing mothers.	1st Thursday in month, 10 a.m.—12 noon, 2—2.30 p.m.	Red Cross Room, High St., St. Neots.

(II) The following Health Services are now the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, but are administered on an agency basis by the Huntingdon County Council:

Clinic.	Patients seen.	When held	Where held.
Ophthalmic	Pre-School and Schoolchildren.	1st and 3rd Fridays in month (by appointment except in emergency) 10 a.m.—12 noon, 2—4 p.m.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.
Orthopaedic	Ditto	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in month (Surgeons) (by appointment), 10 a.m.—12 noon.	Ditto
Chest	All ages	Every Monday, 2.30—3.30 p.m.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.

(III) The following Health Services are now provided by Regional Hospital Board.:

Venereal Diseases	All cases	Tuesday, 3 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.
		Males: Wed. and Fri., 4—6 p.m. Females: Wed. 4—6 p.m., Fri. 10—12 noon.	28, Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-patient Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(iv) THE BRITISH RED CROSS PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC.

This Clinic, opened in September, 1946, with a well-qualified masseuse in attendance, supplied treatment including Massage, Swedish Remedial Exercises, Radiant Heat, Ultra-Violet Ray, Infra Red and Wax Baths, where prescribed by a doctor.

The following is a report on the work of the Clinic during 1948 by the Vice-President, St. Neots Branch, British Red Cross:—

"The Clinic has had a very successful year, and under Mrs. Fletcher's care many patients have been treated and excellent results have been obtained. The Clinic has now been taken over by the Regional Hospital Board, but for the present it is still being administered by the Red Cross."

"The new premises at Wistaria House, Huntingdon Street, are being adapted and the Clinic, which is now closed, will re-open there in mid September, 1949. Most grateful thanks are due to Mr. Fisher who, for over two years, housed the Clinic in his excellent premises rent free."

"Signed. M. MACDONELL (Mrs.)."

(e) Hospital Services.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, all hospitals in the area come under the control of the Regional Hospital Board.

Fever:—Huntingdon Isolation Hospital provides facilities for the investigation and treatment of infectious diseases.

General Hospital Services are provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases can be admitted to Paxton Park Maternity Home, St. Neots. Admissions are arranged through the County Medical Officer.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	... 7
Whooping Cough	... 15
Diphtheria	... Nil
Measles	... 73
Acute Pneumonia	... Nil
Puerpural Pyrexia	... Nil
Typhoid Fever	... Nil
Jaundice	... 2
Erysipelas	... 3
Food Poisoning	... Nil

It is felt that parents do not take sufficient precautions to prevent the spread of the more common infectious diseases. It appears to be considered that children must "inevitably" contract these diseases at some time in their life and that they will "get over them" with no lasting harm. This argument is a false and lazy one. No disease can leave the body exactly as it finds it, although the damage done may be very small.

Parents should see to it that their offspring suffering from infectious diseases are kept apart from their healthy playmates.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The National Health Service Act, 1946, which came into force on 5th July, 1948, transferred the responsibility for Diphtheria Immunisation from the District Authorities to the Huntingdon County Council.

From figures available 58.6% of the child population (0-14 years) of the town have received a primary course of immunisation but only 44.9% of the babies (0-4 years) are so protected.

This is **not** good enough.

Diphtheria is essentially a school-spread disease—infected pupils passing the complaint to their fellows and to other members of their families, of whom the Babies are in greatest danger.

Few deaths occur among the **adequately** protected.

MOTHERS MUST PROTECT THEIR BABIES from this deadly disease.

If three quarters of all babies were immunised, diphtheria would be stamped out of the country.

Facilities for Diphtheria Immunisation are available at Infant Welfare Centres, through the School Health Service, and from General Practitioners.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Total No. on Register at 31st December, 1948—28 (Pulmonary 20, Non-Pulmonary 8).

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total...	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

HOUSING.

The repair of existing houses has been carried out as far as available materials, labour and licensing restrictions would allow. It is hoped that during 1949 more time can be devoted to inspecting preperties in order that further deterioration of dwellings might be avoided.

40 Post War Houses have been completed and occupied and a further 18 houses were in various stages of construction at the beginning of 1949.—All houses are of the permanent traditional type of construction.

The construction of roadways and sewer to accommodate further houses are proceeding on a housing site which will eventually facilitate the erection of about 278 separate dwellings including old peoples' dwellings, social and recreation centre.

At the beginning of the year a report was submitted regarding the insanitary and totally unsatisfactory condition of condemned properties which were occupied in the main as an emergency measure during the war years. The Council has taken energetic steps to mitigate these conditions and have rehoused several of the families in requisitioned property and council houses.

HOUSING TABLE

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:—
   (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 240
   (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 260
   (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ... —
   (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... —
   (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 7
   (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 220

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices:—
   Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 220

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—
   (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—
      (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 1
      (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—
         (a) By owners ... —
         (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... —
   (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—
      (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 10
      (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—
         (a) By owners ... 10
         (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... —
   (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—
      (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... 1
      (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... —
   (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—
      (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... —
      (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... —
      A statement may be attached supplementing these sections giving details of the work undertaken either under informal or formal notices.

4. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding.
   (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... 4
      (2) Number of families dwelling therein ... 8
      (3) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 39
   (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... —
   (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... 3
      (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 34
   (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding:—

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.

GENERAL SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

WATER.

No changes of note took place during 1948. Water is supplied from two shallow wells augmented as and when required by an emergency well. Very little progress has been made on the proposed new scheme of converting the emergency well into a permanent source of supply.—Due to the abnormally dry year this project is becoming rather urgent.

Two Chemical Analyses and Seven Bacteriological Examinations of the water supply were made and in all cases satisfactory reports were received.

In view of the hardness of the water the Public Analyst recommended that the water be softened.

Well No. 1 Temporary Hardness 19.51. Permanent 32.89.

Well No. 2 Temporary Hardness 15.24. Permanent 31.94.

SAMPLES.

	No. of Samples.	Dates.	Results.
Well No. 1	3	14/7/48; 19/10/48; 20/12/48.	Satisfactory.
Well No. 2	3	14/7/48; 19/10/48; 20/12/48.	do.
Service Mains	1	20/12/48.	do.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Negotiation between the Bedford R.D.C. and the St. Neots Urban District Council regarding the Joint Sewerage Scheme made very slow progress during the year, due mainly to the difficulty experienced in locating a suitable site for the Disposal Works. Eventually it was agreed between the two Authorities to make a compulsory purchase order on a piece of land situate on the Huntingdon Road—this Compulsory Purchase Order was the subject of a Ministry of Health Public Enquiry held on 23rd November, 1948. Negotiations are still proceeding.

As emphasised at the Ministry of Health Enquiry, due to labour difficulties, the work of emptying the night soil buckets (pail closets) causes a great deal of anxiety. The only solution to this problem is the construction of the new proposed Sewerage Scheme and the conversion of the pail closets into W.C.'s. The sooner this work is carried out, the better it will be for all concerned.

A few conversion of pail closets to W.C.'s and several drainage improvements to existing properties have been carried out during the year. All new Council Houses (19) built during the year have been connected to the existing sewerage system.

Gross pollution of the River Ouse and Hen Brook still takes place and there is no doubt that the general residents' local knowledge of the inefficiency and inadequacy of the present system of sewerage disposal prevalent throughout the district rathers deters complaints being made—in other words, apathy on the part of the resident population, and the too obvious nuisances being created are the main reasons why complaints are not lodged more frequently to the Public Health Department.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

On no occasion throughout the year did the River Ouse overflow its banks to cause flooding in the area, as was the case in the previous year, 1947, although the serious effects of dampness due to

the floods was apparent. Several complaints of damp rot in the boarded floors of ground floor rooms and the rising dampness in houses were received.—In my opinion these complaints are likely to continue for several years.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection and disposal of household trade refuse has been satisfactorily maintained throughout the year. The work is carried out by direct labour and household refuse is regularly collected weekly. One Bantam Carrier Refuse Lorry supplemented by horse and cart, as and when necessary, are employed on this work. There were no changes of note during the year and despite rise in labour charges, the cost of collection and disposal of refuse was approximately the same as last year—namely 12s. per bin per annum.

95 Tons of Salvage; Waste Paper, Kitchen Waste and Scrap Metal were collected and disposed of during the year and the value of same was approximately £250.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

The usual routine inspection of food preparing places, butchers' shops, etc., have been carried out during the year and special attention has been paid to the general cleanliness and structural conditions of cafe and restaurant kitchens.

There have been no cases of Food Poisoning reported.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT

Infestation Order, 1943.

The operator, shared jointly between the St. Neots Urban and Rural District Councils, has carried out his duties very successfully throughout the year, and the scheme which took effect as from 1st April, 1948, outlining new financial arrangements as per the circular issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has been satisfactorily and efficiently administered.

As in previous years the Council's sewers and refuse tips have received special attention and the infestation of all Council property has been kept down to a minimum.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR.

To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS

ST. NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report of the work of the Public Health Department during the year 1948.

SANITARY TABLE:

Summary of Inspections made during 1948—

Total number of Inspections made		653
Total number of Notices served		137
(Informal 137. Statutory —).		
Complaints received ...	Total number of ...	443
Houses, etc. ...	Number inspected ...	260
	Nuisances abated ...	210
Pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse...	Number inspected ...	21
	Nuisances abated ...	7
Animals improperly kept ...	Number inspected ...	2
	Nuisances abated ...	2
Privy, urinal, cesspool ashpit ...	Number inspected ...	17

	Nuisances abated ...	7
Drain, drain-traps, etc., etc. ...	Number inspected ...	80
	Nuisances abated ...	52
House, or part thereof, overcrowded ...	Number Inspected ...	4
	Nuisances abated ...	3
Smoke nuisances ...	Number of observations ...	4
	Nuisances abated ...	1
Offensive accumulations ...	Number inspected ...	9
	Nuisances abated ...	9
Other sanitary conditions ...	Number inspected ...	24
	Nuisances abated ...	20
Slaughter houses ...	Number licensed (Ministry of Food) ...	1
	Number of inspections (visited almost daily re Meat Inspection)	
Offensive trades (sec. 107, Public Health Act, 1936) ...	Number established ...	1
	Number of inspections ...	8
Rat infestation order ...	Number of inspections ...	184
	Number of premises treated...	40
Infectious disease ...	Number of inspections ...	38
	Houses disinfected ...	17
	Ambulances disinfected ...	2
Pail or earth closets ...	Number converted to W.C.s...	7
Water closets ...	New provided ...	61
Ashpits ...	New provided ...	—
	Number converted to ashbins	4
Ashbins ...	New provided ...	14
Water supply ...	Samples taken for analysis (for bacteriological examination)	7
	Estimated No. of dwellings supplied by Main Service water ...	1150
	Estimated No. of dwellings supplied by stand pipes...	133
	No. supplied by private wells...	147

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937, 1948.

Inspection of Factories and Workshops:

	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections.
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are enforced by Local Authority ...	19	33
Factories not included in above, in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority ...	46	137
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority, Building Sites, etc. ...	8	32
TOTAL...	73	202

Defects found and Remedied:

Want of Cleanliness ...	6
Insufficient Sanitary Convenience	3
Defective or Unsuitable Sanitary Convenience ...	5
Other conditions not satisfactory	1
	15

LIST OF FACTORIES.

King's Lane Garage, King's Lane.
Hunts. Footwear Ltd., New Street.
Taylor and Son, Garage, Priory Lane.
Darrington, A., Berkley Garage, Eynesbury.
Eayrs W. & Sons, Market Square, Bakery.
Tebbutt, C. G., High Street, Sawmill.
Bennett, J., Bedford Street, Motor Repairs.
Hunts. Motor Company, Cambridge Street, Motor Engineers.
Huckle, C. H., New Street, Boot Repairs.
Hale, J., High Street, Laundry.
Ibbett, A., South Street, Engineer.
Ireland Bros., New Street, Motors.
James, Mrs. E., Electric Gen., The Pavilion.
Jordan & Addington, L.N.E.R. Station, Grist.
Jordan & Addington, Market Place, Seeds.
Jordan & Addington, The Priory, Grinding.
Jordan & Addington, St. Mary's Street, Mineral Waters.
Fields & Pateman, Huntingdon Street, Motors.
Lynn, H. W., High Street, Machine Repairs.
St. Neots Gas Company, Bedford Street, Gas Works.
St. Neots Co-operative Society, Huntingdon Street, Bakers.
Paine & Co., Bedford Street, Flour Mill.
Paine & Co., Bedford Street, Malting.
Paine & Co., Bedford Street, Malt.
Paine & Co., Brook Street, Malt Extract.
Paine & Co., Brook Street, Bottling.
Paine & Co., Market Place, Flour.
Paine & Co., Market Place, Brewery.
A. Wheeler, Priory Café, Market Place, Baker.
Tomson & Lendrum Ltd., Market Square, Printing Works.
Tebbutt, C. G., St. Mary's Street, Sawmill.
Wright & Woods, Market Place, Motors.
Williamson, T. L., The Priory, Coach Work.
St. Neots Paper Mill, Common Road, Paper.
Smith, John Rayns, High Street, Bakery, etc.
Bull, H. F. and Sons, New Street, Contractors.
Wrycroft, G. and Sons, Huntingdon Street, Contractors.
Cattmull, Cambridge Street, Boot Repairs.
Pratt, P. W., Cambridge Street, Baker.
Plum & Sons, High Street, Confectioners.
Baker, B., Huntingdon Street, Baker.
Evans and Sons, Builders, Cambridge Street.
Gibbard, Baker, St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury.
Pashley, A., Motor Repairs, Cambridge Street.
Shepherd, Baker, South Street.
A. W. Childs, Painter, etc., Church Street.

LIST OF WORKSHOPS.

Browning, R. W., Tin Plate, etc., Market Square.
Clayton, Saddlers, etc., Market Square.
Edwards H., Baker, Luke Street.
Forseutt, R. M., Dress, Brook Street.
Knight, F. J., Coal Yard, Priory Road.
Kime and Co., Tailors, High Street.
Riseley, F. G. (Exors.), Draper, High Street.
Townsend Bros., Builders, Cambridge Street.
T. W. Wren, Fish Fryer, Montague Street, Eynesbury.
F. W. Bellamy, Builder, Priory Road.
Corbey, J. and H., New Street, Plumbers.
Neaverson, C. B., 39, High Street, Baker.
Huckle & Shaw, Egg Packing Station, New Street.
Eayrs, W., Cycles and Radio, Market Square.

Ashman, H., Cycles, etc., Cambridge Street.
P. J. Williamson, Cycles, South Street.
Webb, Shoe Repairs, Cambridge Street.
Electrical and Radio Supplies, Ltd., High Street.
Hunter, Cleaning and Pressing, South Street.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Apart from a few unavoidable occasions the regular weekly collection of household and trade refuse was maintained. The average number of bins emptied and contents disposed of was approximately 1,500 weekly and the total annual cost was about £950.

The cost of salvage and collection was £235 and the income was £242. It is estimated that, inclusive of kitchen waste, the amount of salvage handled was approximately 95 Tons.

MORTUARY

The premises have been satisfactorily maintained during the year and the accommodation provided appears to be adequate to meet the need of the area.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The supervision of cafe and restaurant kitchens called for more attention during the year and inspections were made more frequently. Several improvements to the cooking arrangements and washing facilities were carried out and a general all round improvement of conditions relating to the preparations of food was effected.

The personnel engaged on the preparation of food in cafes and restaurants would appear to require more supervision.

MEAT INSPECTION REPORT

Carcases inspected and condemned during year 1948 at the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse, Eynesbury.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Total No. Slaughtered ...	1,348	270	494	2,461	502
Total No. Inspected ...	1,348	270	494	2,461	502
Diseases other than Tuberculosis					
Whole Carcases condemned	8	8	1	10	5
Parts or Organs of Carcases condemned ...	403	59	34	104	26
Per cent. of Carcases affected with diseases other than T.B. ...	30.57%	24.81%	7.08%	4.63%	6.18%
Carcases affected with Tuberculosis					
Whole Carcases condemned	5	16	2	—	3
Parts or Organs of Carcases condemned ...	276	53	—	—	55
Per cent. of Carcases affected with Tuberculosis ...	20.84%	25.56%	0.40%	—	11.55%

Summary of meat and other articles of food which were found to be diseased and unwholesome and were destroyed.

		lbs.
Beef	...	32,939
Veal	...	249
Mutton	...	612
Pork	...	1,866
Fish	...	114
Poultry, Game, Rabbits	...	—
Fruit and Tinned Foods	...	80
Miscellaneous	...	100
	Total...	35,960

LIST OF SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Bartlett, J., 25, Huntingdon Street, St. Neots.
Bonham and Sons, High Street, St. Neots.
Abraham, G. B., High Street, St. Neots.
Eayrs, W., Priory Lane, St. Neots.
Hunt, D. A., 14, Huntingdon Street, St. Neots.
Neaverson, C. B., High Street, St. Neots.
Stocker, F., St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury.
Sharman and Sons, Berkley Street, Eynesbury (Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse).
Mortimer, W. R., High Street, St. Neots.
Smith, John Rayns, High Street.

OFFENSIVE TRADE.

Beeson Bros., 97, Huntingdon Street, (knackers).

FISH FRYERS.

L. U. Spokes (G. Paine), 23, St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury.
L. F. Forteseue, 46, High Street, St. Neots.
C. Wren, High Street, St. Neots.
T. W. Wren, Montagu Square, Eynesbury (Mobile Vans).

LIST OF ICE CREAM REGISTRATIONS.

Obtain Ice Cream in packets or containers. Stored in Refrigerator.
Mrs. Childs, St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury.
Mr. Darrington, Berkley Street, Eynesbury.
Miss Fairweather, High Street, St. Neots.
Mr. Williamson, South Street, St. Neots.
Mrs. King, Cambridge Street, St. Neots.

Sell from Mobile Cars or Vans. Ice Cream made outside the District.
Blanchard, Bedford.
Antonio's, Bedford.
Holland, Creameries, Bedford.
Soloman and Wexper, Leyton.

Ice Cream made in separate premises at the rear; sold from barrow in street.
E. Hedge, Peacock Inn, Cambridge Road, St. Neots.

Ice Cream mixed in Bakery. Small electric refrigerator.
A. Wheeler, Priory Café, Market Square, St. Neots.

LIST OF REGISTERED COWKEEPERS.

Smith, J. R., Manor Farm, Cambridge Street.
Boswell, A. S., East Street (cows at Sandfields).
Harvey, E., Berkley Street, Eynesbury.
Hall, A., Berkley Street, Eynesbury.
Harvey, W., Luke Street, Eynesbury.
Rowley Settled Estates, Priory Park (Gave up business, October, 1948).

LIST OF REGISTERED MILK SELLERS (RETAILERS).

(Shepherd), Wallace, Cambridge Street, St. Neots.
Bowers, S., Bedford Street, St. Neots.
Charles, S. F., 31, Cromwell Gardens (Dairy, Eaton Socon).
Gale, C., East Street, St. Neots.
Smith, H., 39, Cambridge Gardens, St. Neots.
Sharp, F., Eynesbury, St. Neots.
W. Parker, The Dairy, High Street, St. Neots.
A. S. Cambers, 79, Huntingdon Street, St. Neots.

May I again express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their valued co-operation, and also I would like to thank members of the staff who have helped me considerably during the year 1948.

Yours obediently,
C. W. GLOVER,
Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.